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Classified By: Acting Political Economic Counselor Robert Kiene

(C) Poloffs delivered reftel demarche to Counselor Theodora Gentzis who covers Belarus in the MFA's European Union Relations Directorate. Gentzis said the European Union would renew sanctions on Belarus through October 2010, with appropriate suspensions of application at the next GAERC. She said Belgium was a strong proponent of the sanctions, and sending a clear signal to Belarus that further reform in the democratic and economic arenas is needed.

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